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Drug Analysis Laboratory Monthly Status Report

October, 2009

Amherst and Jamaica Plain (combined)

Cases* submitted to the laboratories this month.....1031
Number of items* contained in these cases.....1917

Cases analyzed by the laboratories this month..... 940
Number of items analyzed this month.....1526

Number of vegetable matter items returned untested.....407

Laboratories' backlog (Items)..... 11480
Average time per analysis (turnaround time)..... 184 days
Number of preliminary/priority analyses performed.....287

Analysis Backlog

Unanalyzed items in the laboratory on the last day of the month

1-15 days old	756	7%
16-30 days old	1035	9%
31-50 days old	1274	11%
Greater than 50 days	8415	73%
TOTAL	11480	100%

* A CASE refers to all the evidence gathered from an incident or arrest that is related to one or more defendants. Each case may contain one or more ITEMS of different appearance and/or composition, e.g. marijuana, cocaine, heroin.

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Analysis Profile

Time in the laboratory for items analyzed this month

1-15 days	49	3%
16-30 days	31	2%
31-50 days	214	14%
Greater than 50 days	1232	81%
TOTAL	1526	100%

Totals for Drugs of Interest

Drug Type	Number of Items
Marijuana	250
Cocaine	350
Heroin	221
Others	705
TOTAL	1526

Trafficking Items Analyzed

Drug Type	Number of Items
Heroin	12
Cocaine	24
Oxycodone	12
TOTAL	48

Calendar Year (2009) Totals through the End of the Month

Items Submitted	21863
Items Analyzed	21946 (does not include 2435 untested vegetable matter items)